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Administration of Sandur.

* 70 Q.—SRI S. B. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Premier be pleased to state—

(a) whether any of the former State employees of Sandur failed to carry out the orders of the administrator; and

(b) if so, (i) what were the cases of disobedience and (ii) what action was taken in each case?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN (on behalf of the Hon. the Premier) :—" (a) The Government have no information.

" (b) Does not arise."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know who the administrator of the Sandur State is now?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, I think it has merged or will soon merge in the administration of the Bellary district."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know, Sir, why in spite of the fact that it has been merged in the district of Bellary the so-called officers of the Sandur State are still trying to exercise the powers of the administrator?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It may be, Sir, that until the effective supervision and control of the State is taken over by the proper administrative authority it is likely that those officers will continue in power."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" How long this nebulous state of affairs will continue, Sir?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The administrative arrangement has already taken place. Until the details of the administration are pushed through there may be difficulty for a little time."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" As long as other arrangements are made, may I take it that the officers are working directly under the control of the Administrator, i.e., the Collector of Bellary?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I should think so."

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—" What are the laws in force in the State?" Are they the ones obtaining in this Province?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" The Collector of Bellary is in charge of the administration of the State."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" In respect of Banganapalle and Pudukottah various notifications are being issued making our laws applicable to those two States. May I know, Sir, whether such action has been taken as far as Sandur is concerned?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Wherever report is being received about the need of such administrative arrangements as in Pudukottah and the other States and wherever the

attention of the Government is drawn by the Administrative Officers steps are being taken to advise them, e.g., the Tiruchirappalli Collector wanted these regulations to be notified and I am sure the same regulations will be introduced in all other administrative areas merged with the Madras Province.''

SRI B. BHIMA RAO :—'' Do the regulations of the Sandur State apply now or the Indian Union law that applies to the State after the merger? ''

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—'' The Collector of Bellary is in charge of the administration and whenever we get a report from the Collector of Bellary we take the necessary action. It is first of all the responsibility of the Collector of Bellary and whenever he wants administrative advice or help from the Provincial Government we always give it to the Collector. If the effect of the merger is true it is not beyond the powers of the Collector.''

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—'' Are any conditions attached to the merger, Sir? ''

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—'' No, Sir.''

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—'' Has there been trouble from the former rulers of these States in the smooth administration of these States? ''

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—'' No, Sir. Not that the Government are aware of.''

SRI S. B. ADITYAN :—'' Do the former employees of the States have the status of servants of this Government? ''

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—'' That will naturally follow.''

Coupons for paddy and rice.

* 71 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and value of coupons issued for paddy and rice delivered between the 1st December 1946 and 6th December 1947 ;

(*b*) whether the whole or part of the bonus is to be paid in cash or kind ;

(*c*) if a portion of the bonus is to be paid in kind, what form or forms such bonus in kind has been paid or is proposed to be paid ;

(*d*) if it is proposed to pay the bonus in the shape of manures, what the quantity of manures required is towards this payment ;